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SUBJECT: LOS - REQUEST FOR MINERAL DATA

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THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IS PROVIDED BELOW; NUMBERING
OF PARAGRAPHS CORRESPONDS TO REFTEL.

I. OIL (BARRELS) AND GAS (CUBIC FEET):

1. OIL: ONSHORE, 28.6 MILLION; OFFSHORE, NONE.

GAS: ONSHORE, 9.7 MILLION; OFFSHORE, NONE. THERE ARE
THREE EXPLORATORY WELLS WITH GAS PRODUCTION POTENTIAL
SHUT-IN OFFSHORE.

2. OIL: ONSHORE, 130.4 MILLION; OFFSHORE, NONE; INITIAL
YEAR, 1925. GAS: ONSHORE, NOT AVAILABLE; OFFSHORE, NONE;
INITIAL YEAR, 1925.

3. OIL: ONSHORE, 1.4 BILLION; OFFSHORE, NONE.

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GAS: ONSHORE, NONE; OFFSHORE, 1.25 TRILLION.

4. OIL: ONSHORE, 2.6 BILLION, INCLUDING THE 1.4 BILLION PROVED RESERVES NOTED IN PARA. 3; OFFSHORE, NONE. THE ESTIMATE OF UNPROVED RESERVES IS NECESSARILY VERY ROUGH, AND TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION NINE SMALL FIELDS ON THE TEXACO-GULF AND CAYMAN CONCESSIONS. GAS: ONSHORE, NONE COMMERCIAL; THE SMALL AMOUNTS PRESENT ARE USED ENTIRELY FOR GAS LIFT. OFFSHORE, NOT AVAILABLE; EXPLORATION OF RESERVES HAS NOT PROGRESSED FAR ENOUGH TO PERMIT AN ESTIMATE.

5. 49, ALL ONSHORE. EXPLORATORY, 19; DRY, 13; OIL, 5; GAS, 1. DEVELOPMENT, 30; DRY, 0; OIL 30.

6. ONSHORE, 773; OIL, 90; OIL AND GAS, 683. OFFSHORE, NONE. NOTE: THE 90 OIL WELLS ARE ALL LOCATED IN NEW FIELDS IN THE ECUADOREAN AMAZON REGION, WHERE PRODUCTION BEGAN IN 1972. THE 683 OIL AND GAS WELLS ARE LOCATED IN OLD FIELDS NEAR EXHAUSTION LOCATED ON THE COAST.

8. APPROXIMATELY \$1.6 MILLION, ALL BY A PRIVATE U.S. COMPANY.

9. EXPORTS: CRUDE OIL, 25.2 MILLION; RESIDUAL, 550,000. IMPORTS: AVIATION GAS, 4.94 MILLION U.S. GALLONS; LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS, 4.51 MILLION KILOS.

II. MARINE PLACER DEPOSITS: NONE.

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